
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5045

AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BADGES DURING WORK HOURS.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires a health care provider who provides direct patient care as an employee or on behalf of a healthcare facility or institution to wear an employer-issued photo-identification badge during working hours. The badge must be worn in plain view and include the (1) facility or institution's name; (2) provider's name; and (3) provider's license, certificate, or employment title.

The bill requires these facilities or institutions, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, to develop policies and procedures concerning (1) the badge size, content, and format and (2) any necessary exemptions to ensure patient and health care provider safety in surgical settings or other sterile environments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

DEFINITION

The bill defines "healthcare facility or institution" as a (1) hospital; (2) nursing home; (3) rest home; (4) home health care agency; (5) homemaker-home health aide agency; (6) emergency medical services organization; (7) assisted living services agency; (8) outpatient surgical facility; or (9) infirmary operated by an educational institution for the care of its students, faculty, and employees.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 2 (03/14/2011)

